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# STRANGE TALES

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**MATCHLESS**  
POWER, MAGICIAN!

TODAY  
THE  
VICTORY  
BELONGS  
TO

**BARON  
MORDO!**

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**SHOCKER**  
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THOUGHT  
YOU'D SEE!

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I SHALL GIVE YOU POWER  
WITHOUT LIMIT SO THAT  
YOU MAY DESTROY  
DR. STRANGE!

IT IS  
AGREED!

BEHOLD BARON MORDO,  
MOST EVIL MAGICIAN ON  
EARTH--THE SWORN ENEMY  
OF ALL THAT IS GOOD--THE ONLY  
HUMAN WITH GREATER POWER THAN  
THAT OF DOCTOR STRANGE HIMSELF!!

WRITTEN BY THE NABOB  
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LATER, AS THE SILENT SHROUD OF NIGHT ENGULFS THE MOUNTAINOUS RETREAT OF THE ANCIENT ONE, IN FAR-OFF TIBET, A MYSTIC SHAPE APPROACHES THE LONELY SANCTUM...

WE HAVE REACHED OUR DESTINATION!

WHILE, WITHIN THE COLD, STONE WALLS, DR. STRANGE AND HIS AGED MENTOR PRACTICE THEIR MYSTIC, AWESOME RITES...

YOU HAVE MASTERED THE SHADY ARTS QUITE WELL, MY SON...!

LET US NOW ASSUME OUR RIGHTFUL FORMS! THE TIME TO STRIKE HAS COME!

AND, OUTSIDE AGAIN

YOU WILL BOTH OBEY MY EVERY COMMAND-- FOLLOW MY ORDERS TO THE LETTER! WITH THE ADDITIONAL POWER I HAVE BEEN GIVEN, I CAN DO ANYTHING!

HOW EASILY I CAN CONJURE UP A SIMPLE SPELL WHICH CAUSES OUR PRESENCE TO GO UNNOTICED BY OUR VICTIMS INSIDE!

LET EVERY PROTECTIVE DEVICE WITHIN THIS PLACE BE SILENCED! LET NONE SUSPECT THE COMING OF BARON MORDO!

AND THEN, WITH THE SUDDEN FURY OF

A DEMON'S WRATH, MORDO AND HIS TWO FEARSOme FOLLOWERS ATTACK!

IT IS MORDO! SAVE YOURSELF, MY SON! I SHALL RESIST HIM AS LONG AS I AM ABLE!

NO, ANCIENT ONE! YOUR SHIELD IS USELESS AGAINST THE POWER OF HIS ATTACK! I CANNOT LEAVE YOU!

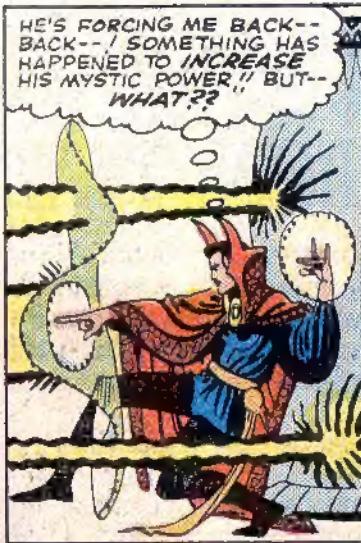
NOW, WHILE THEY ARE COMPLETELY OFF-GUARD WE SHALL DESTROY THEM BOTH!

THERE IS MORE  
TO THIS THAN  
MEETS THE EYE!  
MORDO HAS NEVER  
POSSESSED SUCH  
STAGGERING  
MIGHT!

I CANNOT  
HOLD HIM  
OFF MUCH  
LONGER!  
HIS FURY  
IS MIND-  
SHATTERING!

HE'S FORCING ME BACK--  
BACK--! SOMETHING HAS  
HAPPENED TO INCREASE  
HIS MYSTIC POWER!! BUT--  
WHAT??

I CANNOT STOP THE ONSLAUGHT  
OF HIS SPELLS! I MUST TAKE  
DRASTIC ACTION FAST--OR  
THE ANCIENT ONE AND I ARE  
DOOMED!

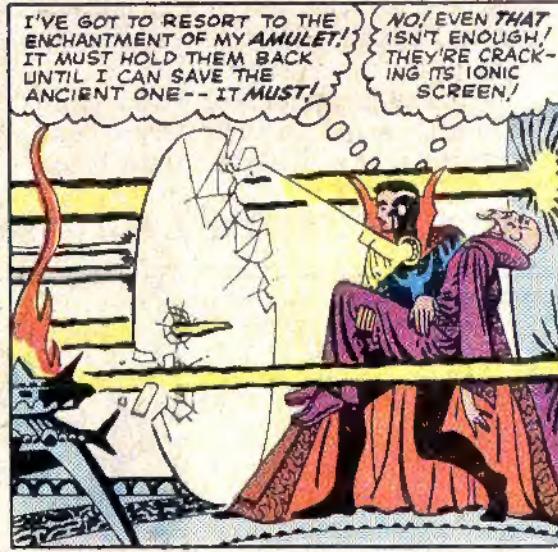


HOW I'VE WAITED FOR  
THIS MOMENT OF  
TRIUMPH! SEE HOW WE  
FORCE HIM BACK, DO  
NOT LET UP! ATTACK!  
ATTACK!



I'VE GOT TO RESORT TO THE  
ENCHANTMENT OF MY AMULET!  
IT MUST HOLD THEM BACK  
UNTIL I CAN SAVE THE  
ANCIENT ONE-- IT MUST!

NO! EVEN THAT  
ISN'T ENOUGH!  
THEY'RE CRACK-  
ING ITS IONIC  
SCREEN!



AND THEN, IN SHEER DESPERATION, THE TRAPPED MASTER  
OF MAGIC CAUSES HIS AMULET  
TO GLOW WITH ITS MOST SHIMMERING, DAZZLING LIGHT--!

I CANNOT SEE--  
THAT BRIGHTNESS--  
IT NUMBS THE  
SENSES!

IT'S BLIND-  
ING ME!!  
TURN IT  
OFF!!

THAT GAVE ME JUST THE TIME  
I NEEDED!! ONCE I CARRY THE  
MASTER THRU THIS SECRET  
PASSAGE, WE'LL STILL HAVE  
A SLIM CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL!



THERE! I'LL  
SEAL THE  
EXIT AND  
DESTROY THE  
BRIDGE  
BEHIND ME!

MORDO  
HAS NOT  
TRIUMPHED  
YET!



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IF ONLY I KNEW FROM  
WHENCE MORDO'S  
GREAT NEW POWER  
COMES!! HAS HE  
MASTERED SOME  
TERRIBLE NEW MYSTIC  
SECRET???



MEANWHILE...

NO MERE DOOR CAN  
STOP ME! I'LL EASILY  
FOLLOW MY ACCURSED  
ENEMY BY CHANGING  
INTO MY ECTOPLASMIC  
SPIRIT FORM!!

WAIT HERE  
UNTIL I  
SUMMON YOU!



I'M JUST IN TIME!!  
HE'S FLYING OFF--  
HELD aloft by his  
CLOAK OF LEVITATION!



BUT, I HAVE BEEN GIVEN FAR  
GREATER POWERS! I CAN  
CONQUER GRAVITY WITHOUT  
A MYSTIC CLOAK!



IT IS FORTUNATE  
I WAS ABLE TO  
HIDE BEHIND THIS  
LEDGE! HE PASSED  
ME BY! BUT, FOR  
HOW LONG CAN I  
BE SAFE FROM  
HIM?



MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER  
DIMENSION-- A DARK,  
DISMAL DIMENSION, WE FIND...

MORDO HAS HAD TIME  
ENOUGH TO COMPLETE  
HIS MISSION! I CAN  
SUPPLY HIS POWER NO  
LONGER!



OF ALL WHO LIVE, ONLY I  
AM MIGHTY ENOUGH TO  
SEND MY SPELLS TO  
ANOTHER DIMENSION, TO  
HELP MORDO BATTLE  
OUR COMMON FOE!



BUT, NOW I MUST  
REST! I MUST BUILD  
UP MY ENERGY AGAIN!  
THIS STRAIN WOULD  
HAVE BEEN FATAL  
TO ANY EXCEPT ME!



--BUT, I AM NOT ANYONE ELSE! I AM THE DREAD DORMAMMU--LORD OF THE DARK DIMENSION!! I AM MIGHTIEST OF THE MIGHTIEST!

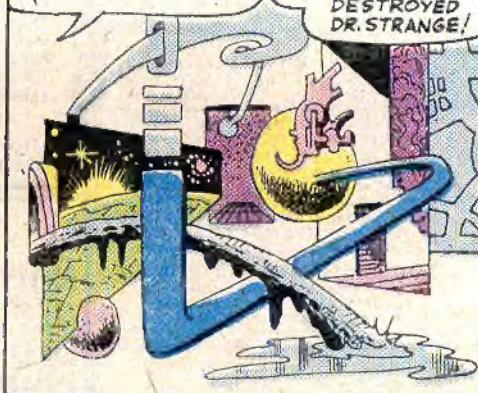
WHEN LAST WE FOUGHT, I PLEDGED MY WORD TO ATTACK DR. STRANGE NO MORE!!\* BUT, I AM NOT SO DOING! IT IS MORDO WHO ATTACKS HIM--MORDO, USING THE POWER OF DORMAMMU! THE POWER THAT I GIVE HIM!



\* SEE STRANGE TALES #127 -- STAN.

THEN, ONCE STRANGE IS DESTROYED, THERE WILL BE NONE REMAINING WHO CAN STOP MY CONQUEST OF EARTH, THE HOME OF THE HUMAN RACE!

AND NOW THAT MY VIRTUALLY LIMITLESS STRENGTH HAS RETURNED, I SHALL CONTACT MY HUMAN AGENT AND LEARN HOW HE DESTROYED DR. STRANGE!



AND SO... WHAT?! HE ESCAPED YOU?! AND AFTER I HAD GIVEN YOU ENOUGH POWER TO MAKE YOU DEFEAT ANYONE!! YOU MORTAL BUNGLER!!

HAVE A CARE, DORMAMMU!! NOT EVEN YOU CAN SPEAK TO MORDO IN SUCH A MANNER!!



HE ELUDED ME BY MEANS OF A TRICK! BUT, HIS ESCAPE IS ONLY TEMPORARY! IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS BEFORE I HAVE HIM!

I SHALL BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR DR. STRANGE IMMEDIATELY!



ONCE AGAIN I SHALL AID YOU, MORDO! THESE SPIRITS FROM THE NETHER WORLD, INVISIBLE TO UNTRAINED EYES, SHALL DO YOUR SEARCHING FOR YOU!



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SHAPE BEFORE THEY  
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BOOMERANGS IN  
MY BANDOLIER!

MY  
STUNNER  
ARROWS  
WILL GIVE 'EM  
A FEW TIPS  
THEY WON'T  
FORGET

MY DEADLY STEEL  
HAND WILL MAKE  
SURE THE LAST THING  
THEY SEE IS MY  
DRAGON TATTOO!



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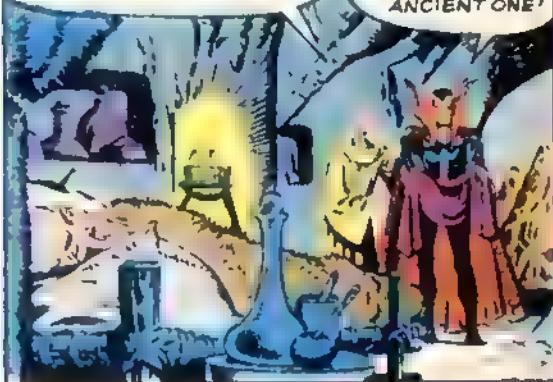
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MEANWHILE, IN THE HIDDEN CAVE OF A DEDICATED TIBETAN HERMIT...

I SHALL LOOK AFTER THE MASTER! BUT WHAT OF YOU?? HOW WILL YOU ESCAPE DETECTION BY THE EVIL MORDO??

MY SAFETY IS OF NO IMPORTANCE--JUST SO LONG AS I LEAD THE PURSUITERS AWAY FROM THE ANCIENT ONE!



WITH THIS BUNDLE OF RAGS IN MY ARMS, IT WILL LOOK AS THOUGH I AM STILL CARRYING THE VENERABLE ONE! I MUST LEAD MORDO SO FAR AWAY THAT HE CAN NEVER AGAIN PICK UP THE MASTER'S TRAIL!

MAY THE ALL-SEEING EYE OF AGAMOTTO WATCH OVER YOU, YOUNG MASTER!



HOURS LATER, AS THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS TRAVELS TOWARDS THE CHINA SEA...

I SENSE ANOTHER PRESENCE BEHIND ME, AN ALIEN, UNEARTHLY FORM....



I CANNOT BE CERTAIN WHAT MANNER OF CREATURE IT IS, BUT, IN TRUTH, HE IS SURELY A TOOL OF THE EVIL MORDO!

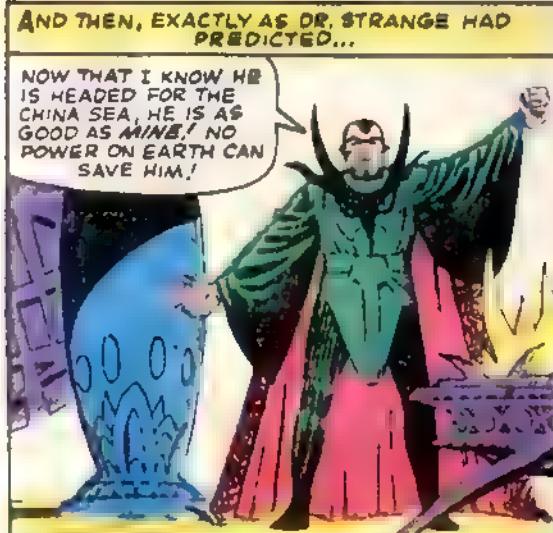


AND, AS NIGHT FALLS... EVEN THOUGH HE HAD FOUND ME, HIS SPEED COULD NOT MATCH MY OWN, BUT, HE IS CERTAIN TO REPORT MY PRESENCE TO MORDO!



AND THEN, EXACTLY AS DR. STRANGE HAD PREDICTED...

NOW THAT I KNOW HE IS HEADED FOR THE CHINA SEA, HE IS AS GOOD AS MINE! NO POWER ON EARTH CAN SAVE HIM!



THE ANCIENT ONE HAS ALREADY BEEN DEFEATED! ONLY DR. STRANGE REMAINS, AND WITH THE MIGHT OF THE DREAD MORMAGGAN BEHIND ME I SHALL CRUSH HIM LIKE A FLEA!

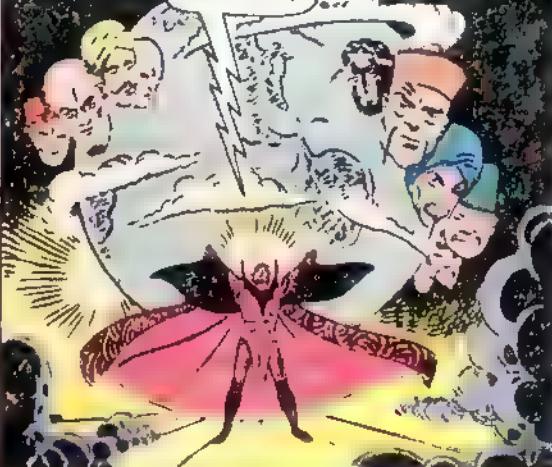


STAND ASIDE, CREATURES OF THE NETHER WORLD! I AM ABOUT TO CAST A SPELL--ONE SUCH AS YOU HAVE NEVER DREAMED OF!!



THEN, AIDED BY THE AWESOME POWER OF THE DREAD DORMAMMU, MORDO SENDS AN IMPERIOUS COMMAND TO ALL THE DABBLERS IN THE MYSTIC ARTS--TO ALL THE PRACTITIONERS OF BLACK MAGIC THRUOUT THE WORLD--!

DR. STRANGE MUST BE FOUND! YOU ARE COMMANDED TO REPORT TO ME IF YOU SEE HIM!



AND, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE MYSTERIOUS CITY OF HONG KONG...

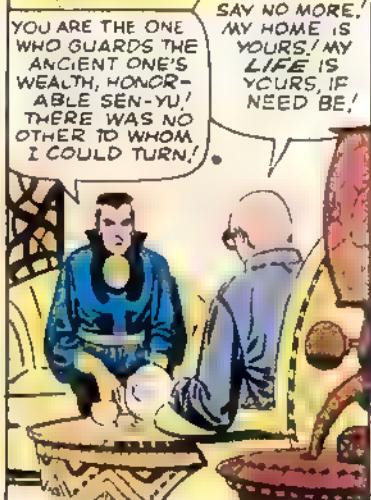


AHH, MY OLD FRIEND, DR. STRANGE! WELCOME TO MY HUMBLE HOME! HOW FARES THE ALL-WISE ANCIENT ONE?



HE IS NOT WELL, SEN-YU! EVIL POWERS ARE AT LARGE, THREATENING HIM--AND ALL OF MANKIND!

THEN, AFTER THE STORY HAS BEEN TOLD...



SAY NO MORE, MY HOME IS YOURS! MY LIFE IS YOURS, IF NEED BE!

MANY YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS AT DEATH'S DOOR--THE GENIUS OF THE MASTER SAVED ME! I TRIED TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLE, BUT ALAS, I HAD NOT YOUR ABILITY!



HOWEVER, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS, I TOO SERVE THE ANCIENT ONE IN MY OWN HUMBLE WAY!

NOW YOU MUST REST, WHILE I BRING YOU NEW PROVISIONS!



HOW CAN I REST? THE ANCIENT ONE IS SICK--OR DYING--MORDO IS ON MY TRAIL--!



--AND, BY SOME SINISTER STROKE OF FATE, HE HAS BECOME MORE POWERFUL THAN I! IF HE DEFEATS ME, WHAT WILL BEFALL MANKIND??!





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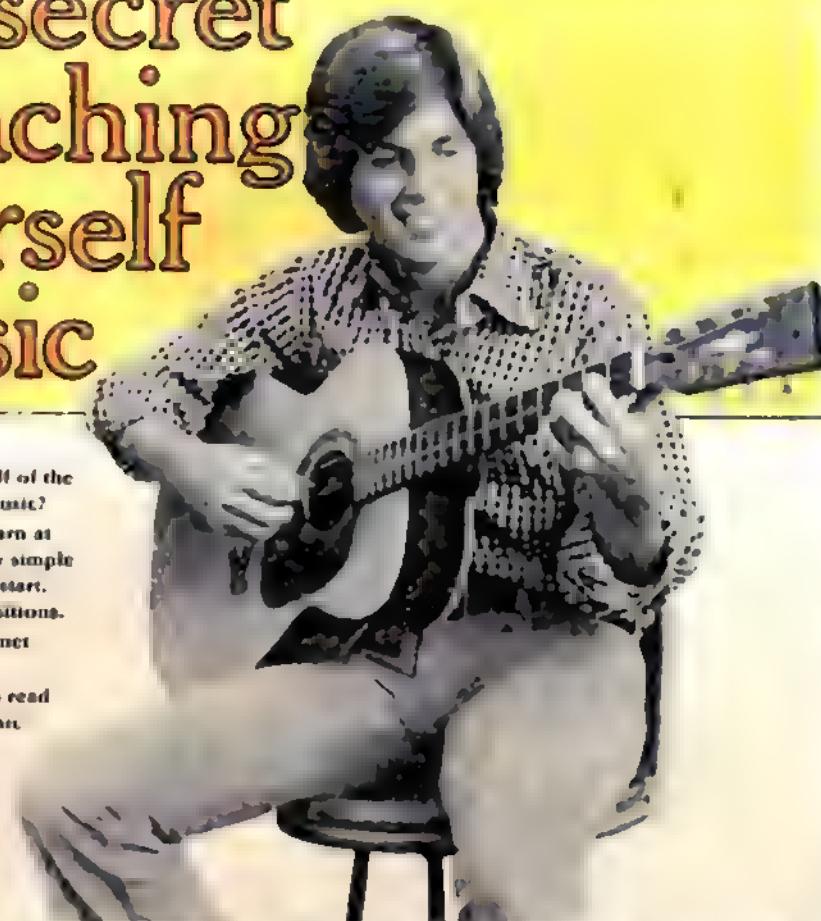
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I HAVE A PASSPORT FOR YOU-- MONEY-- NEW CLOTHES -- ALL YOU WILL NEED IN YOUR ATTEMPT TO HIDE FROM MORDO!

YOU HAVE DONE WELL, SEN-YU!

HIDING FROM A FOE IS NEW TO ME! AND YET, THE WISE MAN KNOWS THERE IS A TIME TO FIGHT, AND A TIME TO FLEE-- TO STOP AND MAKE NEW PLANS!

I DARE NOT WEAR MY CLOAK OF LEVITATION...

I SHALL FOLD IT, AND HIDE IT WITHIN THE LINING OF MY SUIT! ITS POWER WILL STILL BE INTACT!

NONE WOULD SUSPECT IT'S THERE, YOUNG MASTER!

GOOD! THEN NOTHING MORE REMAINS! I MUST LEAVE AT ONCE!

WHY DO YOU NOT STAY HERE? IT IS A PERFECT HIDING PLACE!

NO! I CANNOT PLACE YOU IN SUCH JEOPARDY! BUT, REMAIN ALERT, TRUSTED ONE-- I MAY HAVE FURTHER USE FOR YOUR SERVICES!

HE LEAVES WITHOUT A BACKWARD GLANCE, HIS STEP STEADY-- HIS VOICE FIRM-- EVEN THOUGH HE FACES THE MOST POWERFUL FOE ON EARTH!

BUT NOT FOR LONG CAN DR. STRANGE ESCAPE THE SHARP EYES OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO WATCH FOR HIM...

IT IS ME! MORDO MUST BE NOTIFIED! SOUND THE ALARM!

AH SO! HE SHALL NOT ESCAPE US!

I HOPE I'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN LEADING THEM AWAY FROM THE ANCIENT ONE! NOW, WHEN THEY FIND ME, IT WILL JUST BE MORDO AND I, FACE-TO-FACE!

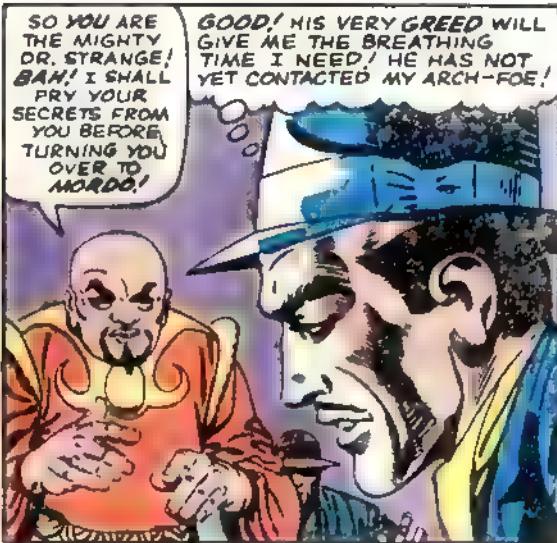
AND THEN, THE HIGHLY-DEVELOPED MYSTIC SENSES OF THE MASTER OF NECROMANCY REGISTER AN ALARM...

THEY'VE FOUND ME!

I'M SURROUNDED! THERE ISN'T TIME TO BLANKET THE AREA WITH A SPELL! I'VE GOT TO THINK--FAST!!



SO YOU ARE THE MIGHTY DR. STRANGE! BAH! I SHALL PRY YOUR SECRETS FROM YOU BEFORE TURNING YOU OVER TO MORDO!



AND THEN, DR. STRANGE CREATES A SUDDEN ILLUSION-- MAGNIFICENT IN ITS SHEER SIMPLICITY--!

BEFORE YOU CAN PRY ANY SECRETS FROM ME, YOU MUST FIRST FIND THE REAL ME! WHICH ONE WILL YOU PURSUE?? WHICH ONE IS THE REAL DR. STRANGE??



BY ALL THE HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOTH, IT IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN YOU THOUGHT TO PENETRATE A SORCERER'S SPELL, IS IT NOT???

I HAVE HIM!

NO! IT IS BUT AN ILLUSION!

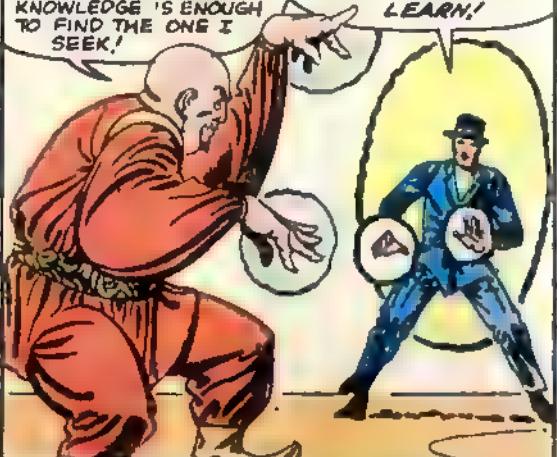
I, TOO HAVE BEEN DECEIVED!!



BUT THEN...

MAH! THOUGH I AM NOT THE CONJURER YOU ARE-- MY OWN POOR KNOWLEDGE 'S ENOUGH TO FIND THE ONE I SEEK!

BUT, FINDING ME AND DEFEATING ME ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS-- AS YOU ARE ABOUT TO LEARN!



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OF RA. MARDOR WILL PRINT  
YOU DOWN USING ANY MAGIC  
SHE CAN!

"I CANNOT  
SPEAK!"

"IN THE  
NAME OF  
MORDO  
YOU DIE!"

BUT AS ALWAYS THE UNPREPARED TAB E DR STRANGE DOES  
THE UNLUCKY TELL INSTEAD OF  
REVERTING TO ANOTHER MYSTIC  
SKILL, HE LASHES OUT WITH AN  
EXPLOSIVE FIST--!

SOMETIMES  
THE SIMPLIST  
ATTACK'S  
THE MOST  
EFFECTIVE!

BUT, WHEN THE ODDS BECOME  
TOO GREAT...

IT IS  
LUCKY I  
PUT MY  
CLOAK OF  
LEVITA-  
TION  
INSIDE  
MY  
JACKET!

HE FLIES  
AWAY  
FROM US."

STOP  
HIM!"

GOOD! THEY'RE ALL  
LOOKING AT ME AT  
ONCE! NOW FOR MY  
FINAL SPELL!

IN THE NAME OF THE ETERNAL VIGILANT  
-- I COMMAND YOU - LET YOUR LIMBS  
BECOME LIKE STONE -- LET THE POWER  
OF MOVEMENT BE LOST TO YOU UNTIL  
I AM GONE!

HE HAS PARALYZED US! BUT, I  
CAN STILL THINK! I MUST  
MENTALLY CONTACT MORDO--  
HE IS WAITING FOR MY SIGNAL!  
MORDO--MORDO--

AND, A SHORT TIME LATER

I HAVE LOCATED OUR ENEMY  
AGAIN! THE NETHER WORLD  
SPIRITS ARE EVEN NOW  
SPEEDING TO HIS SIDE! IT IS  
ALMOST ENDED, DORMAMMU

THIS TIME  
THERE MUST BE  
NO FAILURE!  
DR STRANGE  
MUST BE  
DESTROYED!

BUT, ALTHOUGH HE IS ALONE, IN A STRANGE  
AND FORBIDDEN LAND--ALTHOUGH THE COM-  
BINED POWERS OF THE DREAD DORMAMMU AND  
THE EVIL MORDO ARE STACKED AGAINST HIM--HE  
IS STILL DR STRANGE, THE MASTER OF BLACK  
MAGIC--SO WE KNOW THAT ANYTHING CAN  
HAPPEN! NOW PUT YOUR AMULET IN A SAFE  
PLACE AND TURN TO THE NEXT CHAPTER!

# DR. STRANGE CHAPTER II

## "THE HUNTER AND THE HUNTED!"

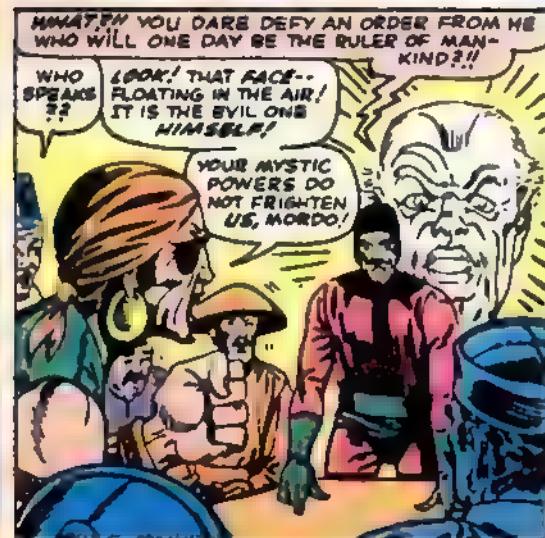
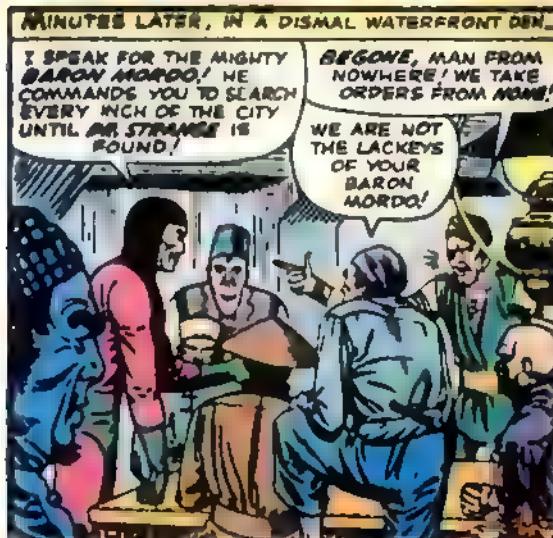
OUR THRILLER THUS FAR...

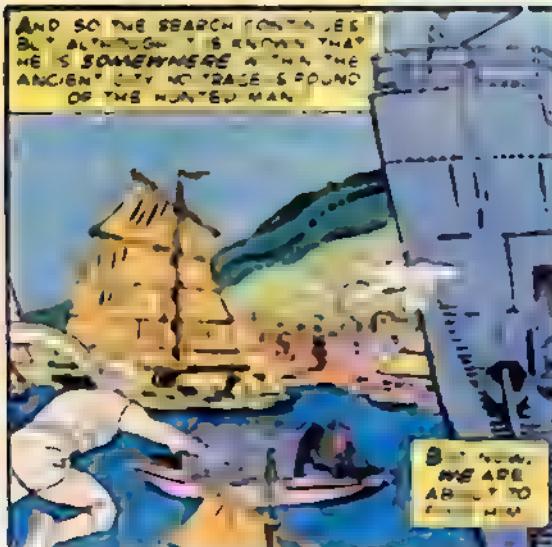
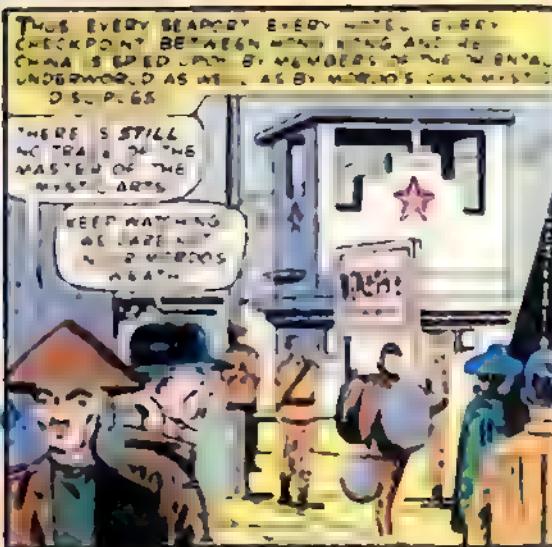
A DED BY THE POWER OF  
THE DREADED DORMAMMU,  
EVIL BARON MORDO FINALLY  
HAS DR. STRANGE ON THE  
RUN!!

BUT, ALTHOUGH HE'S TRAPPED  
IN THE FAR-OFF CITY OF  
HONG KONG, THE MASTER  
OF THE MYSTIC ARTS  
FIGHTS BACK!

THERE IS  
NO PLACE ON  
EARTH FOR YOU TO  
HIDE, DOOMED ONE!  
THE EYES OF  
MORDO ARE  
EVERYWHERE!

WRITTEN IN A STYGIAN SWAMPLAND BY... STAN LEE  
DRAWN IN A DISMAL DUNGEON BY..... STEVE DITKO  
LETTERED IN A CONJURER'S CASTLE BY... ARTIE SIMEK

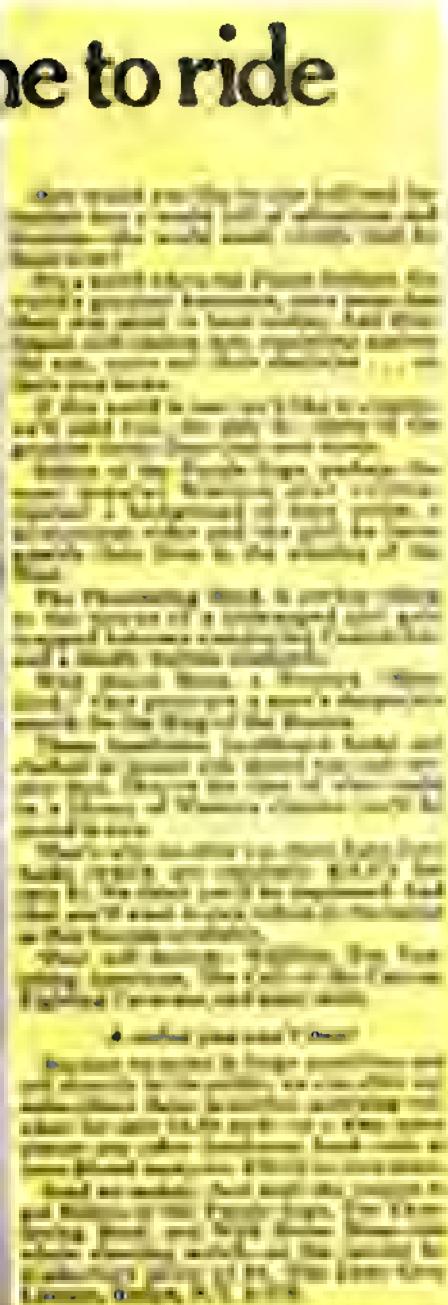




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MORDO HAS MUSTERED MANY TO HIS SIDE, ANYONE I PASS MIGHT BE A DEADLY FOE, READY TO STRIKE WITHOUT WARNING!



EVEN HIS SILENT SPECTRES HAVE JOINED IN THE GRIM SEARCH FOR ME!

THOUGH ORDINARY HUMANS CANNOT DETECT THEIR PRESENCE, TO ONE WITH MY MYSTIC TRAININGS, THEY ARE AS REAL AS IF THEY POSSESSED FLESH AND BLOOD!



THE BEST PLACE FOR ME IS ALONG THE WATERFRONT! EVEN IF I SHOULD BE SEEN, IT WILL BE THOUGHT I SEEK AN ESCAPE BOAT, AND THUS I WILL DRAW SUSPICION FROM THE AIRPORT!



BUT THEN, THE MAGICALLY KEEN SENSES OF DR. STRANGE TINGLE IN WARNING...

THOSE CASUAL BYSTANDERS ARE NOT AS "CASUAL" AS THEY SEEM!



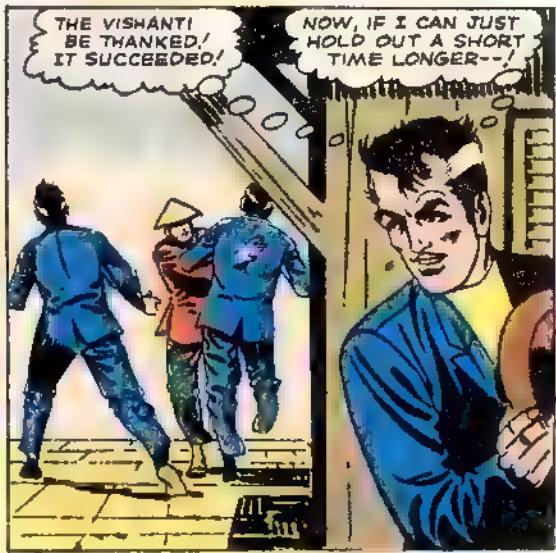
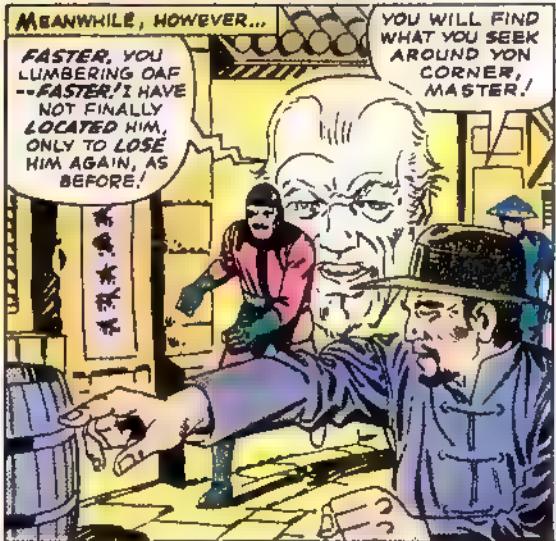
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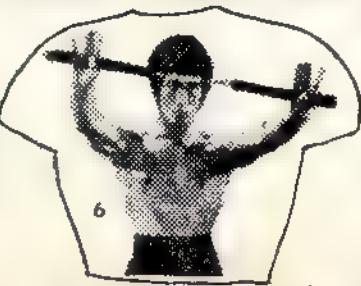
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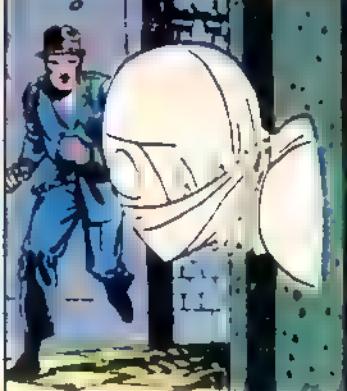
STOP, YOU FOOLS! YOU PURSUE MERE PHANTOMS! I SHALL DEAL WITH THE TRUE ENEMY NOW!



AND, EVEN AS HE RACES THRU THE TWISTING ALLEYS AND BACK STREETS OF HONG KONG, DR. STRANGE CAN SENSE THE SHEER HATRED OF MORDO -- HATRED WHICH FANS OUT LIKE A LIVING, DESTRUCTIVE FORCE!

ANOTHER OF HIS WRAITHS! HE'S SEEN ME!

WE'LL CONJURE UP MORE OF THEM INSTANTLY!

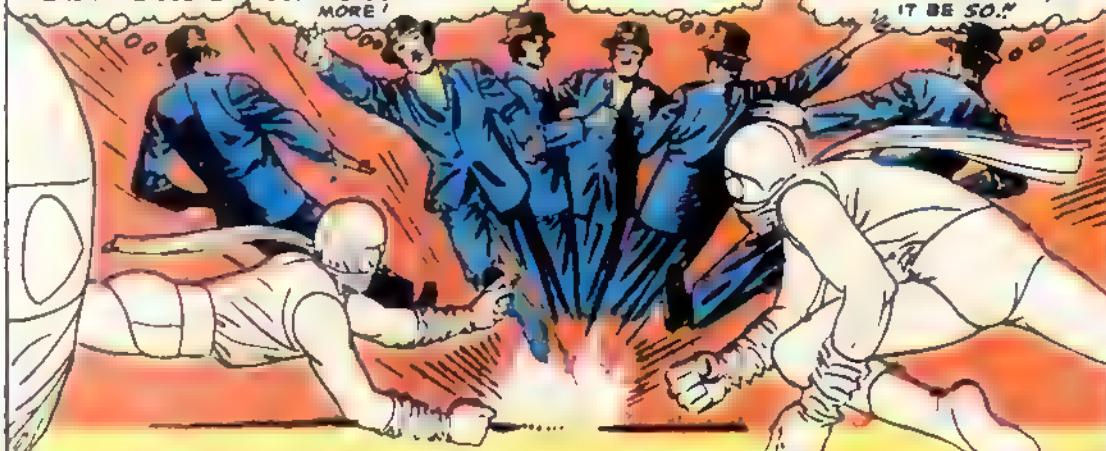


IT WILL TAKE MORDO A FRACTION OF A SECOND TO MENTALLY REACH THE SCENE!

THAT MINUTE INTERVAL OF TIME IS ALL I'LL NEED TO CREATE MY MULTIPLE BODY ILLUSION ONCE MORE!

BUT THIS TIME, I'LL ADD SOMETHING NEW TO THE MYSTIC EFFECT--!

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NOW FOR THE MOST CRUCIAL PART OF MY FLIGHT! IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR MY PLANE'S DEPARTURE! I DARE NOT MISS IT!



--- I CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY BATTLE MORDO, WITH HIS MYSTERIOUSLY INCREASED POWERS, HERE ON HIS HOME GROUNDS! OUR NEXT BATTLE MUST BE AT A TIME AND PLACE OF MY CHOOSING!

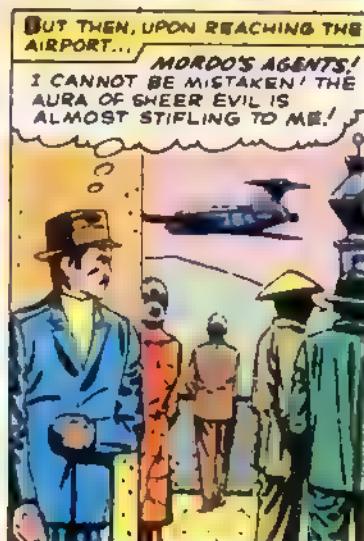


AND THAT TIME WILL SURELY COME! FOR, AS LONG AS MORDO POSSESSES SUCH AWESOME POWER -- SO LONG AS THE VENERABLE ANCIENT ONE MUST REMAIN IN HIDING -- I SHALL NEVER STOP FIGHTING THE WICKED BARON!



BUT THEN, UPON REACHING THE AIRPORT...

MORDO'S AGENTS! I CANNOT BE MISTAKEN! THE AURA OF SHEER EVIL IS ALMOST STIFLING TO ME!



IF THEY SEE ME, I'LL NEVER MAKE IT TO THE PLANE!

BUT I MUST REACH IT -- WITHOUT THEM SUSPECTING -- IF I AM TO SURVIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY!



THAT CARGO HANDLER! HE IS MY ANSWER!

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YOU WILL DO AS I COMMAND -- AND WHEN WE ARE DONE -- NO MEMORY SHALL REMAIN WITHIN YOUR MIND!



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Okay next item of incredible interest. Not only will the entire civilized world have a full-length live action motion picture featuring Spider-Man to cheer about next year, but it looks as though there'll also be another dynamite movie starring ol' green skin—none other than the Incredible Hulk! Like the man said—movies are better than ever! More details later, as soon as the whole blamed Bullpen stops applying for starring roles! (Honest wing, Forbush told me, I oughta star in the Hulk film. I modestly told him I didn't think I resembled Bruce Banner enough. He said he wasn't talking about Banner—he meant I should play the Hulk! You won't be seeing much of ol' Inv around here from now on!)

And we keep rollin' along. If any of you are near Baltimore October 13th, I'm supposed to be dispensing the Marvel brand of culture and erudition at a symposium at Johns Hopkins University on that date. So don't say I didn't warn you soon enough for you to take sure you're miles away at that time! Personal note: To my buddy, Pete Penske! I wanna thank the various college booking agents for all the lecture invitations, but have a heart attack—I can't be away from the Bullpen all the time. It's against my religion to be outta town on payday. Anyway, I'm hitting as many campuses as I can. Just make sure they don't hit me back.

Well, that wraps it up for now. I've gotta rush out and see if my local brick store is carrying **SON OF ORIGINS**! If so, I wanna tell 'em to put it down cause it's kinda heavy!—Okay, I apologize for that one—but it's been a tough day. Anyhow, till we meet again, remember—*"Quijando bonus durmitat Homerus!"* (Let's see what Brand X can make out of that!) Excuse me!



**ITEM!** The big news that's hitting the talented taste buds of every Marvel writer and artist in the batty Bullpen is the semi-annual switch-over of MARVEL PREMIERE and MARVEL SPOTLIGHT from mags featuring a regular roster of notorious heroes (namely the ever-powerful IRON FIST and the super-sinister SON OF SATAN)—both of whom have been awarded their own spankin'-new mags by the way to a pair of pulsatin' publications premiering totally new heroes and heroines and spotlighting some of Marvel's greatest do-agers in their own solo adventures. On tap for PREMIERE are the explosive debuts of THE LIBERTY LEGION, WOOD-GOD and MOONLIGHT among others while set for SPOTLIGHT are single-stories featuring the valiant VISION, the high-flying NIGHT HAWK, and the sword-wielding saga of SINBAD's seventh voyage. Like we said we're allchin' to put to paper some of our favorites, and if all this doesn't prove that Mighty Marvel is on the move again well, try the next few bits.

**ITEM!** While we're waitin' to unleash the long awaited series starring both THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY and TIGRA THE WERE-WOMAN why not take a peek at a couple of fabulouss hittins called BLOODSTONE and MODRED THE MYSTIC. We've got a bunch these two thrillers will soon be sought after as the space-soaring SILVER SURFER. And, who knows, if enough of you Wild Ones demand it, you just may have two more mutant cent mages to add to your captivatin' collections. Remember there will be only two issues each of both these tryouts appearing respectively in MARVEL PRESENTS and MARVEL CHILLERS so if you want in on a couple of sure-fire collector's items, hurry down to your newsstands right now 'cause with issue three of both titles, the GUARDIANS and TIGRA will be taken over.

**ITEM!** And while we're mentioning a few far-out new features we've just got to say something nice about RED SONJA appearing every other month in MARVEL FEATURE cause we don't our sensational She Devil With A Sword may just come lookin' for us.

**ITEM!** And while we're speakin' of bi-monthly books we've temporarily cut the INVADERS down to a sittin' a year schedule to give the Rascally One a

breather in between his award-winning CONAN mags, the fabulouss FANTASTIC FOUR, the Marvel's Land O' Oz series and MARVEL TWO IN ONE which our Editor Emeritus is planning to write at long last. Keep it up, Roy—at your current pace you'll soon be writing as much as speed demon DOUG MOENCH, perhaps! (Fastest scripster this side of ol' Smiley himself!)

**ITEM!** As these wondrous words are being written virtually every member of the Marvel Bullpen has come to New York for the annual July Comicon and taking advantage of this once-a-year miracle, our cartoon creators have banded together to concoct a few zingers in new surprises for ya in the next months. Stainess STEVE ENGLEHART and Marveous MARV WOLFMAN worked out the final stages of their soon-to-be classic DRACULAR/DOCTOR STRANGE team-up while Rascally ROY THOMAS and Lively LEN WEIN put the finishing touches on a bit of THING HULK FANTASTIC FOUR continuity. At the same time, the terrific team of Dev May Care DOUG MOENCH and Dutiful DON PERLIN discussed their newest plans for every men's favorite shaggy-star himself, WEREWOLF BY NIGHT. Yeah, you heard it here first. Contrary to all rumors Jack Russel's favorite alter ego has not gone the way of all out-of-work monsters instead his book will continue coming at ya as always, only now on a bi-monthly basis. The two Ds have a few special ideas that they've worked out together and they just can't wait to hear your reactions. So if you're a regular reader of WEREWOLF, or you're just someone looking for something a wee bit different, be sure to pick up our favorite lycanthrope on your way back from work or school. We've got a bunch that he won't let ya down.

**ITEM!** And speaking of bombshells, we're just bustin' to tell ya—the Mighty Marvel Checklist Lives Again! Beginning in just a month or three we'll be bringin' ya a whole new page of facts, columns and full-color covers including all the info you'd ever want to know about what Mighty Marvel's up to that month. And what's more—we'll be changin' the checklist every two weeks, so each and every one of your favorites will surely be mentioned. Keep on the look out, Frantic One, you know how sneaky we can be!

**ITEM!** Remember how last month we wrote let ya know as soon as the FANTASTIC FOUR radio show was playin' in your neighborhood? Well, we still can't detail the exact times or dates but we'll be hitting your home town, but here's a partial list of the sensational stations carrying our broadcasts in the coming months. Check your local papers for the exact listings of our Mighty Marvel Madness:

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# SPIDER-MAN AND KIDNAP THE CAPER



MOVE IN CHARLES  
MY AUNT MAY WHAT  
FOR? I NEVER  
SERT ANYONE



I DON'T  
KNOW THE  
EXACT  
LOCATION  
BUT I  
THINK IT'S  
NOT FAR  
FROM HERE



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MOMENTS LATER, THE POSSESSED CARGO HANDLER SLOWLY CHANGES DIRECTION AND HEADS FOR THE PLANE WHICH IS THE GOAL OF DR. STRANGE...

MORDO'S MEN ARE SURE TO SENSE MY PRESENCE-- BUT THEY HAVE NOT THE POWER TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE I AM!

I SEEM TO FEEL A SURGE OF MYSTIC FORCE-- AS THOUGH WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF SORCERY!

IT MEANS HE IS NEAR, BUT-- WHERE?

SO FAR, SO GOOD! NOW-- DRIVE DIRECTLY UNDER THE WING OF THE WAITING PLANE-- IT SHALL CONCEAL MY MOVEMENTS!

BUT I SENSE ANOTHER EVIL SPIRIT HOVERING ABOVE...

THEN, WAITING UNTIL THE WRATH OF BARON MORDO HAS DRIFTED OUT OF IMMEDIATE VISION RANGE, THE MASTER OF MAGIC DARINGLY MAKES HIS MOVE...

THESE ARE THE CRUCIAL TWO SECONDS ON WHICH ALL DEPENDS!

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, SIR! WE TAKE OFF IMMEDIATELY!

THE EVIL SPIRIT IS VISIBLY AGITATED! MORDO MUST BE RAGING! HE KNOWS I'VE ELUDED HIM! WHAT WILL HE DO NEXT??

HE'S ENTERED THE PLANE! MORDO MUST BE DIRECTING HIM PERSONALLY... SEEING ME THRU HIS EYES!

THIS IS THE MOMENT OF DECISION! ALL CAN BE WON OR LOST WITHIN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS!

ONLY BY ASSUMING A SPOT FORM MYSELF CAN I BATTLE MORDO'S WRATH!

NO MATTER WHAT SHALL NOW BEFALL, THE OCCUPANTS OF THE PLANE WILL BE TOTALLY UNAWARE OF IT!

BY THE OMNIPOTENT OSHTUR! BY THE HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOTH! IN THE NAME OF THE ETERNAL VISHANTI! BEGONE! RETURN TO THE NOTH'NESS FROM WHENCE YOU HAVE COME!

ONE MYSTIC MICRO-SECOND  
LATER...

I'VE BEEN THWARTED!  
I CAN SEE MY VICTIM  
NO LONGER, MY WRAITH  
HAS VANISHED! I CAN  
ONLY SEE THRU THE  
EYES OF THE OTHERS!  
AND THEY ARE TOO FAR  
FROM MY ENEMY!

BUT, PERHAPS THERE IS STILL  
TIME! FLY, MY AVENGING WRAITHS!

FLY WITH THE SPEED OF  
THE TREMBLING STORM!  
DEATH TO DR. STRANGE!

THE OTHERS COME--AS I  
EXPECTED!

IT IS BUT THE  
WORK OF A MOMENT  
TO GARB MYSELF  
IN THE MANNER  
OF MORDO'S  
WRAITHS!

NOW, MY FATE  
DEPENDS  
UPON SHEER  
DECEPTION--  
UPON THE  
WITLESSNESS  
OF MY SPIRIT  
PURSUERS!

IN MY ETHEREAL FORM, I CAN  
FLY AS THEY DO! BY WAVING MY  
ARMS, I SIGNAL THAT DR.  
STRANGE HAS VANISHED!

IT WORKED! THEY  
RETURN TO THEIR  
EVIL MASTER FOR  
NEW INSTRUCTIONS!  
THEY HAD NO  
REASON TO  
SUSPECT ONE  
OF THEM-  
SELVES!

I WAS A FOOL! I SHOULD  
HAVE KNOWN STRANGE  
WOULDN'T DARE TAKE A PLANE  
--HE'D BE TOO VULNERABLE!  
HE USED AN ILLUSION TO  
LURE ME TO THE AIRPORT  
HE HID SOMEWHERE ELSE!

THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY! HAD I  
ATTEMPTED TO FLEE IN MY  
ETHEREAL FORM, MORDO WOULD  
HAVE FOUND ME WITH A SIMPLE  
SPELL, BUT, HE IS NOT LIKELY  
TO THINK OF SEARCHING THIS  
PLANE AGAIN.

BUT, IT IS NO VICTORY I HAVE  
WON! MERELY A BRIEF  
RESPITE! I STILL MUST LEARN  
THE SOURCE OF MORDO'S NEW  
POWER--AND, UNTIL I DO, MY  
LIFE IS FORFEIT IF I DARE  
MAKE ONE MISTAKE!



BEHOLD! BY THE CRIMSON  
BANDS OF CYTORAK, WE PROMISE  
YOU THIS-- YOUR MORTAL  
EYES HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH  
MYSTIC ENCHANTMENT AS  
AWAITS YOU NEXT ISSUE!  
TILL THEN, MAY THE VISHANTI  
SPEAK YOUR NAME SOFTLY!

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THE TREASURE  
YOU'VE BEEN  
WAITING FOR!**

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(B)



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INCLUDED)

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